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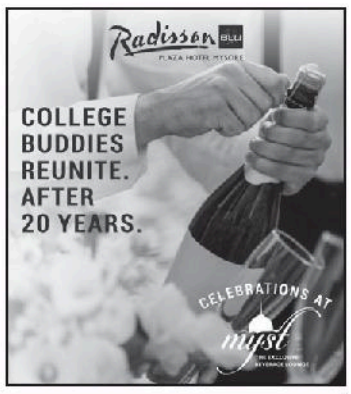


Massive landslides atop Chamundi Hill

Convert Nandi Statue road into trekking path

Technical Committee of Institution of Engineers comes up with feasible recommendations

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (PM & BCT)- The Technical Committee of the Institution of Engineers (India), Mysuru Local Centre, constituted to assess the damages to the Chamundi Hill road linking the View Point and the Nandi Statue has recommended to the District Administration to abandon the road for vehicular traffic since alternative motorable access to Nandi Statue is available.

Instead, the damaged 1.4-km road could be converted as a trekking path with a good view of Mysuru City, at a minimal cost instead of spending a fortune on restoring the damaged portion.

Submitting its recommendations to Mysuru Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham at his office this morning, the Committee members felt that the trekking path would be a viable option for walkers in addition to the existing walking route through the steps.

The Technical Committee members of Institution of Engineers (India), Mysuru, (from left) ***M.K. Nanjaiah, Dr. S.G. Vombatkere, B.S. Prabhakara, M. Lakshmana and H.S. Suresh Babu seen with Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham after submitting recommendations to him this morning.***

The Technical Committee comprising Dr. S.G. Vombatkere (Major General Retd.), M. Lakshmana, B.S. Prabhakara, H.S. Suresh Babu, H. Kishore Chandra and M.K. Nanjaiah visited Chamundi Hill on Nov.19 along with PWD officials, studied the extent of damage and has come up with scientific and feasible recommendations.

Observing the collapsed and vulnerable sectors of the road, the Committee felt that a rough estimate to repair the damages would be Rs. 30 crore and even if the stretch is repaired, it may not be possible to predict the frequency and intensity of extreme rainfall events in the future.

As per the reports from Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) for peninsular India, even mild seismic tremors will aggravate instability of hill slopes, which are already weakened by saturation and erosion. Thus, it may be difficult to assure normal life of the restored linking road, even assuming regular preventive maintenance, the Committee said.

Two options suggested

The first option suggested by the Technical Committee is to repair the linking road with an estimated cost of Rs. 30 crore. However, in view of the increasing threat of climate change related extreme events causing saturation and erosion, there may be little guarantee of its continuing to provide safe motorable roads. This road may require heavy and repeated expenditures for maintenance and repairs, the Committee said.

The second option is to abandon the linking road for vehicular traffic since alternative motorable access to Nandi Statue is available, in addition to the traditional access through steps. The money saved can be used to improve and strengthen the main road. The damaged road can be converted as a trekking path (minimal expenditure) with a good view of Mysuru City.

(See ROAD on page 6)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Abracadabra titled ***"Glad tidings for medical doctors and hospitals."*** **—Ed**

Genome-Sequencing Lab at K.R. Hospital

60 percent of works completed; staff training at NIMHANS; equipment to arrive soon

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (RK & BCT)- The process of setting up a Genome-Sequencing Laboratory at Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) is in full swing and over 60 percent of the works have been completed.

There are three Regional Genome Sequencing Laboratories in Bengaluru — National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), National Institute of Virology - Field Unit and National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS).

Further, in order to derive the meaningful information from the Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) and to facilitate the smooth flow of samples to the Regional Genome Sequencing Laboratories, five tertiary care facilities and five laboratories have been identified as sentinel sites.

The lab at MMC&RI will be one such sentinel site. This apart, Victoria Hospital, Bengaluru, Bowring & Lady Curzon Hospital, Bengaluru, Wenlock Hospital, Mangaluru, Gulbarga Institute of Medical Sciences, Belgaum Institute of Medical Sciences, Hassan Institute of Health Sciences and Bidar Institute Sciences, Bidar have also been identified as sentinel sites. They will get the state-of-the art laboratory and will start receiving samples later next week.

At present, all the samples are being sent to NIMHANS and the other two Regional Genome-Sequencing Laboratories in Bengaluru. T.K. Anil Kumar, Principal Secretary of the Department of Health and Family Welfare said that equipment has been sent to the colleges and they are expected to receive the samples this week.

"The fact is that there are other public health labs attached with the Indian SARS-CoV-2 Genome Consortia (INSACOG) but even they do not receive samples often as the cases are very low. However, the labs set up at the medical colleges will start receiving the samples later this week," he said.

(See LAB on page 7)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 1st December 2021

Submit Sports Varsity proposal: Kodagu DC to DYES

Dr. B.C. Satish

Madikeri, Dec. 1 (PS&BCT)- Kodagu Deputy Commissioner Dr. B.C. Satish has asked the Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports (DYES) to submit a proposal to the Government to establish a Sports University in Kodagu District.

He was chairing a meeting of the District Stadium Committee at the Office of Assistant Director, DYES in Madikeri yesterday. He said that there is a long-pending demand for the establishment of Sports University and the Department must send a proposal to the Government, he noted.

Kodagu does not have appropriate or adequate sports infrastructure though the tiny district has produced innumerable sporting icons over the years. Hence, the Sports University can give a platform for thousands of emerging sportspersons from Kodagu and also to encourage sportsmen from other districts of Karnataka, the meeting noted.

It is a long-pending demand of the district to set up a Sports University. The setting up of the University will help in bringing out more talented sportspersons in the district.

The Federation of Kodava Samajas and many other Kodava Samajas along with sports organisations have been demanding a Sports University in Kodagu as the district had contributed thousands of sportspersons to the State and to the Nation. Every village in Kodagu has sports talents in abundance but the budding sportspersons lack encouragement, state-of-the-art facilities and professional training. This way, several sports talents are being ignored.

The meeting also discussed the development of the indoor stadium in Virajpet and provide basic amenities. The DC directed the DYES authorities to speed up works of improving outer and inner infrastructure at General Thimayya District Stadium.

Directing Madikeri City Municipal Council (CMC) Commissioner to reserve 3 percent of the total CMC funds for sports encouragement and development projects, the DC said that the swimming pool, table tennis court, lighting and toilet facilities at General Thimayya District Stadium must be taken up on priority.

Superintendent of Police Kshama Mishra, CMC Commissioner Ramdas, PWD Executive Engineer Nagaraj, AEE Shivaram, ZP Engineer Mahadevu, Project Director of Nirmithi Kendra Sachin and others were present at the meeting.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

For several decades, successive Governments in Karnataka have attempted to make it mandatory for students to learn Kannada as a subject. Such attempts have met with opposition from some quarters and long-drawn legal battles. The biggest movement to promote Kannada learning dates back to the 1980s, when the Gokak Committee submitted its report in 1981 that recommended, among other things, introducing Kannada in schools and giving it primacy. The delay in implementing this sparked off a major movement, which still resonates with many. The State Government has used some pointers from this report in the current context as well, to argue that promoting the regional language cannot be seen as imposition. It has also cited provisions of the NEP to argue that the State can have a say in the choice of one of the languages. The choice to pick another language rests with the student. In fact, a student can opt for yet another language under the open electives category. It is not unreasonable to argue that learning the local language would help students feel a sense of belonging and communicate better. However, a lot now hangs on the outcome of the pending case in Karnataka High Court. — *Tanu Kulkarni in The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Bloggers sentenced for pranking driver

Moscow: Three popular influencers were recently sentenced to over three years in a Russian penal colony for pranking the driver of a ride-sharing company by pretending to steal his car.

In March of 2021, the three bloggers decided to pull another one of their popular pranks and then post the footage on social media. They called an Uber-type taxi and two of them got in the car and asked the driver to help their friend load some baggage in the trunk. When the driver got out of the vehicle, one of them got behind the wheel and drove off. The whole thing was caught on camera by one of their accomplices, who was filming from a few meters away, only to the driver, this seemed like an actual car theft, so by the time the vloggers brought the car back and explained that it had all been a joke, the Police had already been notified. And they didn't find the prank funny at all.

Experts baffled as goose lays black yolk eggs

Hangzhou: Photos and videos of eggs with black yolks that were reportedly laid by a grey goose have been doing the rounds on social media and leaving experts scratching their heads.

The intriguing photos and videos of the black eggs were posted on social media by a man surnamed Zhu from Hangzhou City, in China's Zhejiang Province. He claimed that a friend of his who kept many grey geese on his farm and who had gifted him goose eggs before. Only this time, what looked like ordinary eggs of standard size and white color turned out to be somewhat of an oddity. When cracked, the eggs revealed a clear egg-white, but a dark grey, almost black yolk, instead of the normal yellow or light orange.

HEALTH CAPSULE

How is stress related to heart disease?

I would add "Stress " to the seven step check list because it has been proved that stress can lead to heart diseases.

This includes work related stress, relationship related stress and sometimes acute stress related to loss of dear ones.

By Dr. Sasirekha D. - Consultant - Interventional Cardiology

manipalhospitals LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Bengaluru North University gets new VC

Prof. Vanalli

Mysuru, Dec. 1- Prof. Niranjana Vanalli, Professor and Chairman, Department of Studies in Journalism and Mass Communications, University of Mysore, has been appointed as Vice-Chancellor of Bengaluru North University, Kolar.

Speaking to media on being appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of the Varsity which was established in 2017, Prof. Niranjana Vanalli said he will strive hard to live up to the faith reposed in him by the Government and the Governor, who is also the Chancellor of the Universities in Karnataka.

Known for his columns and books which appear by the name of Niranjan Vanalli, he has nearly 33 years of experience in teaching communication and journalism.

He was also the Registrar of Karnataka State Dr. Gangubai Hangal Music and Performing Arts University in Mysuru.

He was head of the Directorate of Distance and Online Education, University of Mysore. He was also the Director, Indian Cultural Centre, Embassy of India, Dushnabe at Tajikistan, and worked with the Ministry of Higher Education, Sultanate of Oman, among others. Prof. Vanalli has authored over 30 books apart from producing documentary films besides being a regular columnist for various Kannada dailies.

REALLY...?

- ***Glass coffee mugs are usually made out of only three materials: sandstone, soda ash and sand.***
- ***You can buy "the world's biggest coffee mug" online. It is the equivalent of 20 coffee cups in just one mug and it weighs 10 pounds!***
- ***Blacksmiths started making mugs from gold, silver, bronze or lead. These metal coffee cups were dangerous because they could cause lead poisoning and scalding burns when they were touched.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *What do you call the wife of a hippie?*
Kid: *A Mississippi!*

Teacher: *What State makes the most pencils?*
Kid: *Pennsylvania!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 74.93
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.84
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.40
1 Euro	= Rs. 84.87

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	NOVEMBER 29	NOVEMBER 30
Day's Positive Cases	15	28
Total Positive Cases	1,79,743	1,79,771
Day's Discharges	28	17
Total Discharges	1,77,077	1,77,094
Day's Deaths	0	1
Total Deaths	2,429	2,430
Total Active Cases	237	247

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Driving Licence renewal
Suggestions to RTO Mysuru West

Sir,

As my Driving Licence (DL) was expiring, I submitted the application online (https://sarathi.parivahan.gov.in/).

Uploading the application, photo, signature, medical certificate and payment of the necessary fees was entirely online. I also could book a slot for 18.11.2021.

When I went to RTO Mysuru West Office, there was again a photo and signature taking plus fees payment for licence smart card. After this I submitted the forms. I was getting updates on my mobile as it passed through different stages of the process.

Today when I checked in mParivahan app, I was pleasantly surprised to see that the renewed licence was already visible in less than 2 weeks.

I still have to receive the physical DL card but I am happy to see that the process is quite streamlined. Kudos to people involved at RTO Mysuru West!

I have a couple of suggestions which if considered can make it even better: Since the application and other forms have been submitted online, is there a need to take physical printouts and submit them once more at the RTO? I feel this paperwork which also takes up space at the RTO is unnecessary since digitally all documentation is getting stored.

Also since the photo and signature have already been uploaded, why go through the process again at the RTO? One of the two steps can be removed to avoid duplication effort and time. Provision should be made to pay the smart card fees also online.

The numbering of rooms and counters at the RTO building are a bit confusing for someone who goes there rarely. One can get confused between Room 1 and Counter 1 for example.

I had to go up and down a couple of times. Instead the Rooms can be numbered R-1, R-2 and so on while counters are C-1, C-2 to clearly distinguish the two. Hope the authorities concerned will consider my suggestion.

—S. Jagadish
on e-mail

Mysuru
29.11.2021

Y.B. Ganesh elected as MRC Chairman

Ganesh *Nagappan* *Balakrishnan* *Jayaraj Urs* *Chandre Gowda*

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (KS)- Y.B. Ganesh, a Senior Steward, has been unanimously elected as Chairman of Mysore Race Club (MRC) Ltd., for the official year 2021-22, at the Managing Committee Meeting held on Nov. 30.

The following have been declared elected at the election for two Stewards and two Committee Members:

Stewards: G.K. Balakrishnan and Al Rm Nagappan; **Committee Members:** K.M. Chandre Gowda and Jayaraj Urs, according to a press release from N.H.S. Mani, Secretary and CEO of Mysore Race Club Limited.

Horse hit by vehicle and seriously injured rescued by PFA

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (MTY&KS)- A horse, which was seriously injured when an unidentified vehicle hit it near Bhugatagalli on Mysuru-Bannur Main Road and was lying on roadside, has been rescued by the staff and volunteers of People For Animals (PFA) yesterday afternoon.

It is learnt that an unidentified vehicle had hit the horse which was standing near Bhugatagalli Gate on Monday night leaving it seriously injured on its legs, waist and other parts of its body. As the injured horse was lying in the middle of the road, a few concerned motorists had shifted it to the roadside.

The horse was writhing in pain on the roadside till about 1 pm yesterday and a vegetable vendor tried to feed food and water to it. Meanwhile, the staff and volunteers of PFA, who came to know about the injured horse, arrived at the spot with the ambulance and shifted the injured horse to the PFA Hospital.

Veterinarians at PFA Hospital got a scanning done for the horse to ascertain the extent of the injuries and have begun the treatment.

It is learnt that over-speeding by the unidentified vehicle had caused the accident.

Bank employee passes away on the day of retirement

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (KS)- Ajay Manjrekar (60), an employee of Canara Bank Regional Office in Bengaluru, passed away yesterday, the day of his retirement from service.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons and a host of relatives and friends.

Ajay had also served as the General Secretary of Canara Bank Employees Union, All India Bank Employees Association Joint Secretary and Karnataka Pradesh Bank Employees Association General Secretary.

Last rites were performed in Bengaluru yesterday evening.

Obituary

Nagarathna

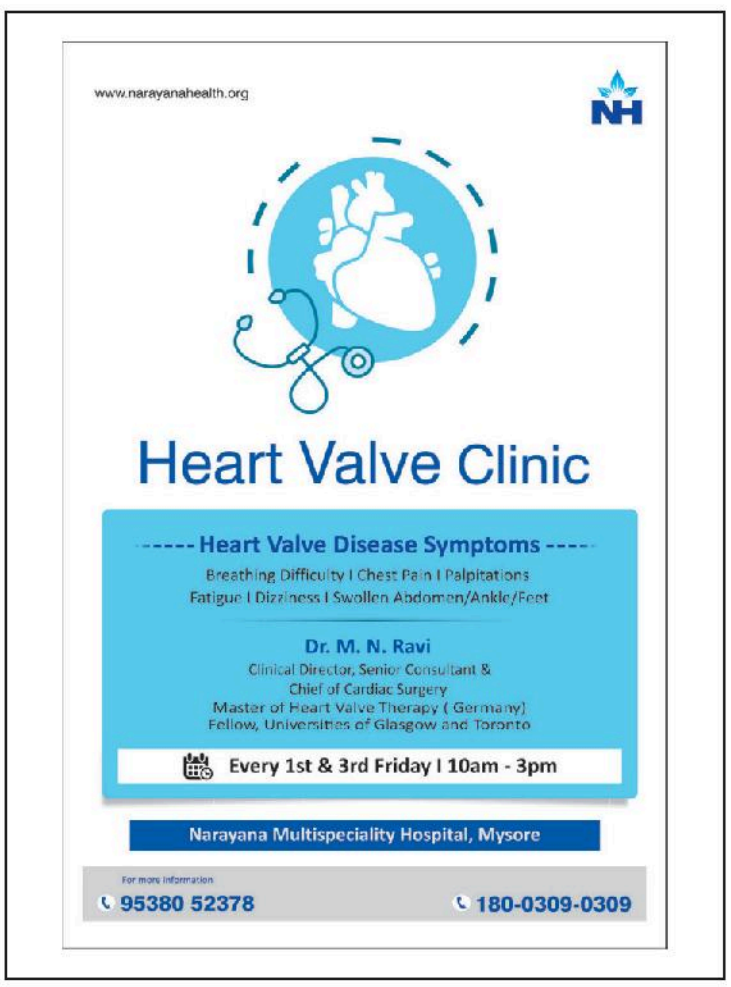
Mysuru, Dec. 1- Nagarathna, wife of H.S. Ramanna and a resident of Ramakrishnanagar 'K' Block, passed away yesterday evening in city. She leaves behind her husband, one son, daughter-in-law, one daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill this morning.

Mallikarjunaswamy

Mallikarjunaswamy (Mess Mallanna), a resident of Ramanuja Road 8th Cross in Khille Mohalla, passed away yesterday in city. He was 86. He leaves behind his wife, one daughter, son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this noon, according to family sources.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NEWS BRIEFS

Cooking and folk songs contest

As part of its anniversary celebration, City's Sridevi Mahila Sangha will be conducting 'Srijaanapada Paaka-2021,' a cooking and folk songs contest for women from 10 am on Dec. 4 at Siddivinayaka Temple, 6th B Main Road, Ramakrishnanagar 'K' Block, Mysuru. Only sweet and spicy dishes made out of Avalakki will be considered for the cooking contest. The contestants are required to prepare the dishes at their homes and display them at the venue. In respect of folk songs contest, each participant will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes. [Mob: 96065-63337, 99647-90442].

AGM on Dec. 12

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Koustuba Multipurpose Co-op Society for the year 2020-21 will be held on Dec. 12 from 2.30 pm at F.K. Irani Function Kall of Rotary Centre on JLB Road, near MUDA Office in city. Society President J.V. Krishna will preside.

Ph.D awardee

P. Sumalatha has been awarded Ph.D in Microbiology by the University of Mysore (UoM) for her thesis 'Studies on mycotoxigenic fungi associated with Zingiber officinale and Allium cepa produced from Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. P.K. Maheshwar.

Omicron scare: Clinical Expert Panel formed for treatment protocol

Quarantine App, telemedicine facilities monitoring patient care to be reintroduced

Bengaluru, Dec. 1 (Agencies)- Gearing up to handle a possible outbreak of Omicron, the State's COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) met Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar in Bengaluru yesterday and submitted several recommendations including mandatory vaccination, screening of international passengers, compulsory RT-PCR test on arrival at the airports, restriction to cinema halls, malls and others.

Members of COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) holding discussions with Health Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar in Bengaluru yesterday.

All symptomatic/suspected cases of COVID-19 from the airports should be admitted separately in these dedicated facilities," the TAC stated. It recommended that the State should reconstitute the Clinical Expert Committee to advise the Government regarding treatment protocols.

Talking to reporters after the marathon meeting, Sudhakar said that the Government is all set to face the Omicron challenge as a 10-member Clinical Expert Committee headed by Dr. K. Ravi, Head of the Department of Medicine in Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI), has been formed. The treatment protocol will be given by the experts and the same will be replicated across the State.

This committee was earlier headed by former V-C of Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences (RGUHS) Dr. S. Sachidananda. "We are considering reintroducing the use of technology such as Quarantine App, telemedicine facilities to monitor patient care," Sudhakar said.

Dr. Sudhakar mentioned that the TAC has recommended mandatory vaccinations and second doses. Besides this, based on CM's direction, there will be a mandatory RT-PCR test for all international passengers on arrival and will be subjected to a 7-day quarantine.

"Whether they have symptoms or not, they will have to undergo the test and quarantine. Those who have symptoms and yet not positive will be subjected to an RT-PCR test on 5th day and others who are normal will have to undergo the same on 7th day. Through applications like in the first and second wave, they will be monitored through tele-counselling," said Dr. Sudhakar.

During quarantine at the hotel, patients will have to pay from their pocket and if tested positive, the patients will be shifted to the hospital and treated accordingly based on the treatment protocol set by experts.

Asserting that there was no need to press the panic button and close schools and colleges now, TAC recommended that classes should be conducted in hybrid mode as far as possible with strict COVID-19 appropriate behaviour protocol. "This recommendation should be revisited when Omicron is reported in the State," he said.

Also, in view of recent clusters reported in boarding schools, medical, and paramedical colleges, TAC said the State should strictly and mandatorily follow COVID containment norms such as declaring such schools and colleges as "containment zones" and take suitable public health measures there.

He also mentioned that the State is yet to vaccinate 41 lakh people for second vaccine dose and want to cover the unvaccinated public to reach the 75 percent target at the earliest. "The new variant (Omicron) spreads fast. Regarding its impact, we don't have details at present," said Dr. Sudhakar.

Restrictions to be back?

Those who have not been vaccinated with a second dose should not be allowed in theatres, malls, libraries and also at other public places, mandatory periodic tests for teachers, staff, and students in institutions are some of the recommendations put forth by the TAC.

The Committee also has recommended no treatment in a private hospital for the public who have failed to get a second dose of vaccination. Vaccination of public at airports, Railway Stations, malls and other public places are other recommendations given by the Committee.

Recommending reintroduction of curbs on public congregations, TAC said a gathering of up to 500 persons can be allowed in events held outdoors and not more than 200 indoors.

These restrictions should be strictly implemented in all social, religious and political events. Marshals and Police should be roped in for strict enforcement, the TAC stated. Besides, enhanced CCTV surveillance with public announcements on correct wearing of face masks should be made in malls, bus stands, and Railway Stations, the TAC pointed out.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	124.70	feet
Yesterday	:	124.80	feet
Inflow	:	5,407	cusecs
Outflow	:	6,828	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2,283.60	feet
Inflow	:	657	cusecs
Outflow	:	1,400	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,857.16	feet
Inflow	:	208	cusecs
Outflow	:	961	cusecs

Seeking payment of COVID risk allowance...

Resident doctors take out candle light march

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (MK&KS)- Urging the Government for payment of COVID risk allowance promised to them, hundreds of resident doctors took out a candle light march in city yesterday evening.

Following the call given for the State-wide demonstration by Karnataka Association of Resident Doctors (KARD), an association of House Surgeons, Post-Graduates and Super-Speciality residents of Government Medical and Dental Colleges of Karnataka, the indefinite strike by the resident doctors entered the second day yesterday in city.

The striking doctors said that they had served day and night when the deadly COVID pandemic broke out during which the State Government had promised COVID risk allowance to them, which the Government seems to have forgotten now.

House Surgeons, Post-Graduates and Resident Doctors of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI) took part in the candle light protest march.

The resident doctors began their candle light procession from Government Ayurveda College and Hospital Circle and passed via J.K. Grounds, Dhanvantri Road, Sayyaji Rao Road and culminated at the starting point, where they staged a protest.

Narayana Health treats kids with rare life-threatening diseases

Three children from Mysuru saved from fatal conditions using Bone Marrow Transplant

Mysuru, Dec. 1- Parents of 2-month-old baby **L**, 5-month-old baby **S** and 10-year-old boy **L** are relieved now as their children have been cured from the rare conditions that they were suffering from.

Hailing from Mysuru, baby L, baby S and boy L were suffering from Congenital Dyserythropoietic Anaemia (CDA), Thalassemia Major and Paroxysmal Nocturnal Haemoglobinuria (PNH) respectively. The children were cured from these fatal conditions through BMT (Bone Marrow Transplant) at the Paediatric Haematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant Department at Narayana Health City, Bengaluru, a division of Narayana Health.

Though baby L and baby S couldn't get a full match donor, their condition was successfully treated using stem cells from half-matched donors. Boy L was fortunate and he was treated using fully matched donor stem cells. Today all three children are leading a near-normal life.

The Paediatric Haematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant Department has treated more than 1,500 patients from across the country since its inception.

Elaborating about the treatment, Dr. Sunil Bhat, Director and Head of Paediatric Haematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant at Narayana Health City, said, "The chances for complications both during and post-transplant were very high, however, owing to the team's expertise the transplant was successful and the children's body responded very positively to the transplant."

Sharing his joy, father of baby of L, said, "We had lost all hope and were scared that we will lose our child. Thankfully, we happened to hear about the BMT unit at Narayana Health City. We are grateful to Dr. Sunil Bhat and team for not only curing my son but also the children of my friends from this dreadful disease."

Sharing her feelings, Mother of baby S, said "The diagnosis of our daughter was shocking and we had guilt that the disease had come from parents. Dr. Sunil Bhat gave us hope that with half match donor also she can be cured."

The occasion also witnessed Narayana Multispecilaity Hospital, Mysuru, announcing the addition of Dr. Tarangini Durugappa to the Department of Paediatric Haematology Oncology. Dr Tarangini Durugappa comes with an experience of more than 10 years in the field of Paediatric Haematology Oncology.

Dr. Sunil Bhat, Director and Head of Paediatric Haematology, Oncology and Bone Marrow Transplant at Narayana Health City, Bengaluru, addressing a press conference on Bone Marrow Transplantation (BMT) in city on Nov.28 as (from left) K.V. Kamath, Marketing Head, Narayana Multispecilaity Hospital, Mysuru, Dr. Tarangini Durugappa, Department of Paediatric Haematology Oncology and P. Pavan Kumar, Facility Director look on.

Fire inside a room in Parliament House

New Delhi, Dec. 1 (UNI) - A fire broke out inside a room of the Parliament House here this morning. According to Fire Department, several wooden articles and computers were burnt in the fire that broke out in room number 59.

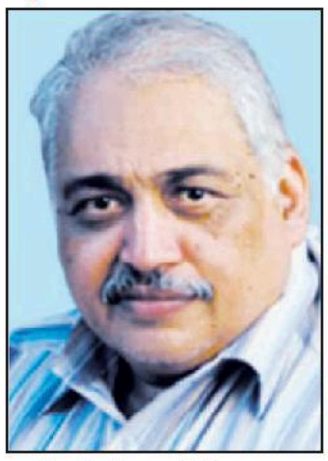
The incident was reported around 8.05 am, following which fire tenders were rushed to the spot to douse the blaze.

The fire was brought under control by 8.50 am. According to the Fire Department the room where the fire broke out is close to the rooms meant for media personnel.

Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Glad tidings for medical doctors and hospitals



Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MAHAN President

> The Supreme Court said that 'no doctor can assure life to his patient but can only attempt to treat to the best of his ability and if the patient does not survive, the fault cannot be fastened on doctors as a case of medical negligence.' How true !

Since past many years, specially after the appearance of private hospitals of star value, we have been seeing many cases of vandalism on hospitals as also attacks on doctors and claims for monetary compensation from the doctors or the hospitals that treated the patients who did not survive.

In our city too, this kind of vindictive behaviour on the part of the patients as also their near and dear ones are not uncommon. As I remember, the then popular and famous B.M. Hospital, owned and run by Dr. C.B. Murthy, a well-known general surgeon in the 70s, 80s and 90s, soft-spoken, too gentle with patients and generally, on many occasions, had to face the wrath of the people connected to the patient who could not be saved or cured or whose hospital bill was too heavy to pay. Police help often came late to prevent the vandalism and the hospitals, being service organisation, did not venture to file Police complaint so also the doctors who were attacked. It was a delicate, difficult and dicey situation for them.

It is for this reason in our city about five years ago doctors, private hospitals and clinics took a novel step and formed an association called "The Mysore Association of Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Clinics and Diagnostic Centres," MAHAN for short. Our weekly columnist and a well-known general practitioner Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD, is the President of MAHAN which is giving some hope to the traumatised and victimised doctors and the hospitals with the new-found strength to collectively face such violent acts and injustice. MAHAN will now interact with the Government agencies, Police, Public Prosecutor and other agencies in following up the investigation and the cases that either the victim or the Police have registered against the villains of the attack.

I do not know if MAHAN has been a boon or just a scarecrow. Let it be.

But here is good news to our Dr. Javeed Nayeem and his fellow doctors and medical entrepreneurs. Today's newspapers carry some good news for them. The *Deccan Herald* has an item titled ***'No doctor can assure life to patient: SC'***

This news must be music to the ears of all the doctors all over India. A Bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and V. Ramasubramanian has allowed an appeal filed by Bombay Hospital and Medical Research Centre against the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission's order to pay Rs. 14.18 lakh to Asha Jaiswal and others for death of patient Dinesh Jaiswal due to medical negligence.

The Supreme Court said that 'no doctor can assure life to his patient but can only attempt to treat to the best of his ability and if the patient does not survive, the fault cannot be fastened on doctors as a case of medical negligence.' How true !

Like there may be a bad father but never a bad mother (very rare exceptions apart), there cannot be a bad doctor, though there may be some rare cases of greedy doctors. And a doctor does his best to the **best of his ability.**

My experience, as a hospital bird, is that the patient must be lucky to get a good doctor for treatment. Of course, each time, I was lucky. However, even otherwise, the patient has a choice of doctors. If he has made a wrong choice, why penalise the doctor?

Like a sting in the tail, the newspaper reports what the Court said: 'It is too much to expect from a doctor to remain on the bedside of the patient throughout his stay in the hospital which was being expected by the complainant here.' *Amen*

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Bonhomie on full display

PM Modi meets ex-PM Deve Gowda

Truck between BJP, JD(S) in Council polls and IIT for Hassan on agenda

New Delhi, Dec. 1 (Agencies)- As the date for the Karnataka Council polls nears, Janata Dal-Secular has reached out to BJP to forge an alliance. As evident, party supremo H.D. Deve Gowda met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and held discussions on the same yesterday.

Photos of Modi holding Deve Gowda's hand and offering him a seat went viral for the bonhomie on display. "Had a great meeting with our former PM Shri @H.D. Deve Gowda Ji in Parliament today," Modi tweeted.

It is said that after a discussion, Modi told Deve Gowda that the BJP's stand to offer support will be discussed and will be communicated at the earliest. JD(S) has fielded only five candidates for 20 seats for biennial elections and will extend support to BJP in 15 places in exchange of favours from BJP in the places where JD(S) has fielded candidates.

A few days ago former Karnataka CM B.S. Yediyurappa openly sought support from the JD(S) and appealed to the regional party to offer support to BJP wherever it is not fielding candidates. Kumaraswamy had praised Yediyurappa calling him a good man.

Speaking to reporters later, Deve Gowda said he discussed the upcoming MLC elections with Modi. "I told Modi that State-level leaders from JD(S) and BJP have to take a decision on forging an alliance," he said.

"Yediyurappa also said he would discuss with leaders on the issue soon. Finally, it's up to the BJP to take a call on alliance since the party is in power. I have conveyed this to the PM," Deve Gowda said.

Responding to a question, Deve Gowda said they had no funds to field candidates in all seats. Kumaraswamy will decide on supporting BJP candidates in some seats, he said and added that there was no discussion on continuing the alliance during the next elections.

The former PM reiterated his demand for setting up an Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) in Hassan, his home district, during his meeting with PM Modi. Deve Gowda told reporters that he had sought time from the PM to discuss establishing an IIT in Hassan as Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan had earlier said it is not possible to consider his request.

Even in 2015, when there was a row over Dharwad getting an IIT, Deve Gowda had asked Modi to consider Hassan.

Nandi Statue road

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Forecast of extreme events: If the second option is opted for, funds can be used to protect the hill slopes by tree plantation and by constructing strengthening structures. The IPCC has warned of extreme events due to climate change. Such extreme events include long spells of unusual wet weather and very heavy rainfall in relatively short periods of time, the Committee noted.

These events inevitably lead to disasters of varying severity depending upon factors like intensity of the event, geographical spread, topography, human interference with the environment (extent and type of built-up area, engineering structures, etc.) and population density and distribution.

Apart from converting the road into a trekking path, the Government can take a decision for slope protection to preserve and protect the environment of Chamundi Hill, which is a heritage precinct, the Committee said.

INS Shivalik model, submarine, anti-aircraft gun at Madikeri

New war machines brought to *Sunny Side*, General K.S. Thimayya Museum

Madikeri, Dec. 1 (PS&BCT)- In a landmark move that will draw tourists and visitors in droves to Sunny Side, General Kodandera S. Thimayya's house in Madikeri that has been converted into a Museum and a War Memorial, a huge model of INS Shivalik, an anti-aircraft gun and a decommissioned submarine have been added as new additions apart from other memorabilia that includes 'Himmat' T-50 battle tank and MiG-20 plane.

The submarine, INS Shivalik model and the anti-aircraft gun were brought to Madikeri from Visakhapatnam Naval Base in giant many-wheeled trucks and have been placed on the museum campus for a formal handing over and opening.

The formal handing over will take place in Madikeri either in December this year or January 2022. The Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command of the Indian Navy, will arrive in Madikeri and officially hand over the new items to the Deputy Commissioner and they would be open for public display.

Till now, only one ship anchor was on display in the museum and not many of the Indian Navy relics were there. But now with the addition of the INS Shivalik and a submarine being added to the existing attractions, it is a befitting tribute to the celebrated General who is Kodagu's pride.

About INS Shivalik

INS Shivalik is designed to escape detection by normal radars and surveillance equipment. Special aerodynamics, equipment and material used in designing and building these ships makes it very difficult to monitor their movements. That's why they are called 'stealth frigates.'

With INS Shivalik, India made it to the elite club of eight nations that build stealth warships, adding new fire power and muscle to its Navy. Apart from India, only the US, Russia, UK, France, Sweden, Japan, Italy and China have the capability to build stealth warships of this size and class.

The vessel was ordered in 1999 and saw its keel laid down on July 11, 2001 by shipbuilder Mazagon Dock Limited. As a multi-role warship, the INS Shivalik is fielded with a varying group of armament options to contend with aerial, surface and underwater threats.

Rear Admiral's contribution

Rear Admiral Ichettira Uthappa, who is a relative of Col. (Retd.) Kandrathanda Subbaiah, the President of Field Marshal Cariappa and General Thimayya Forum, had visited Sunny Side four months back and Subbaiah had drawn the attention of the Rear Admiral to the fact that the museum did not have a warship.

Uthappa promised Subbaiah that he will pursue efforts to bring a warship model to the museum and accordingly, the war machines were brought to Madikeri. Rear Admiral Uthappa interacted with Navy authorities and sanctioned INS Shivalik warship model that is 24-ft in length and a submarine which is 8-ft in length.

Even the anti-aircraft gun that was brought to Madikeri from Visakhapatnam had served the Navy for years and the cost of all the latest additions to the museum is estimated to be Rs. 20 lakh.

According to Field Marshal Cariappa and General Thimayya Forum Convener Major (Retd.) Biddanda Nanjappa, Rear Admiral Uthappa bore the transportation costs of shifting the naval items to Madikeri and in the coming days, a suitable place will be made to accommodate these war machines, he added.

Genome-sequencing Lab at K.R. Hospital

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During the peak of the second wave of COVID-19, the State Government had declared to set up six genome-sequencing labs in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Shivamogga, Hubballi, Mangaluru and Vijayapura. Out of these six labs, four were to be under the jurisdiction of the Medical Education Department and two under the Health Department.

Confirming this to *Star of Mysore* this morning, MMC&RI Dean and Director Dr. C.P. Nanjaraj said that the lab would come up on the first floor of the Radiology Laboratory in K.R. Hospital where earlier skin-disease patients were housed. "60 percent of the work is complete and we are awaiting the equipment. This lab will be linked to the state-of-the-art Viral Research and Diagnostic Laboratory (VRDL) at the Department of Microbiology in MMC&RI," he added.

VRDL was leaking due to heavy rains and there were instances of short circuit and this facility will be repaired and MMC&RI is awaiting approval from the Government to carry out repairs. "All this will be done within 15 days and our staff will be trained at NIMHANS," he said.

5,000 beds ready

Deputy Commissioner Dr, Bagadi Gautham told *SOM* that the district has been prepared to face the threat of third wave and also Omicron variant. "I have held meetings with Government and private hospitals and the entire infrastructure are being closely monitored. All equipment and manpower are available at K.R, Cheluvamba, District Hospital, Trauma Care Centre, Princess Krishnajammanni Super Speciality Hospital, Seth Mohandas Tulsidas Hospital and we have 5,000 beds at our disposal," he said.

On treatment protocol, the DC said that guidelines were awaited from the Karnataka Clinical Expert Committee and the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). "As of now, the protocols and medicines to be used to counter Omicron have not come and once they are released, all hospitals will follow the same," he said. The DC has asked people not to panic and compulsorily go for 100 percent vaccination with both the doses.

World AIDS Day observed

Senior Judge and District Legal Services Authority Member-Secretary Devaraj Bhoote lighting the lamp to inaugurate World AIDS Day at St. Philomena's College this morning as** (from left) **Dr. V.H.T. Swamy, Dr. S. Manjunath, DHO Dr. K.H. Prasad, Dr. M.R. Udaykumar, Vice-Rector Fr. Maria Xavier and Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (RKB&KS) - Co-operation of public is vital for those who have contracted AIDS to avail timely treatment and the public should not look at them in a different way, opined Senior Civil Judge and District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Member-Secretary Devaraj Bhoote.

He was speaking after inaugurating World AIDS Day, organised by the District Administration, Zilla Panchayat, District Health and Family Welfare Department, Karnataka State AIDS Prevention Society, Bengaluru, District AIDS Prevention and Control Unit, District Legal Services Authority, St. Philomena's First Grade College, Ashodaya Samithi and other organisations at St. Philomena's College auditorium here this morning.

Devaraj Bhoote said the need of the hour was to create awareness on AIDS just like how the Health Department created awareness on COVID-19. Though lakhs of people suffered from COVID, awareness created by the Health Department helped lakhs of people to take precautions which eventually kept COVID at bay. "In the same manner, the Health officials and staff are working day and night to control HIV/AIDS," he added.

Pointing out that those who have contracted AIDS think that they would get a bad name if they disclose it to medical fraternity, the senior Judge said that disclosing the disease to medical fraternity will only help them get timely treatment and added that such negative thoughts and feelings should be removed from their minds.

District Health Officer (DHO) Dr. K.H. Prasad, District Health and Family Welfare Services Divisional Associate Director Dr. M.R. Udaykumar, District AIDS Control Officer Dr. Mohammed Shiraz Ahmed, K.R. Hospital Blood Bank Senior Medical Officer Dr. S. Manjunath, St. Philomena's College Vice-Rector Fr. Maria Xavier, Asha Kirana Hospital Medical Officer Dr. V.H.T. Swamy and others were present on the occasion.

World AIDS Day today

End Inequalities. End AIDS

The world is experiencing more than one pandemic: AIDS is a pandemic too.

By Dr. S.N. Mothi,
Chairman & Founder Trustee,
Asha Kirana Charitable Trust,
Hospital & Research Centre,
Mysuru

Gains in ending the AIDS pandemic are at risk of being lost as attention has been diverted to COVID-19. AIDS is a pandemic, and it hasn't gone away. The AIDS pandemic did not take a break during COVID-19.

While the world was preoccupied with the COVID-19 pandemic, the AIDS response has soldiered on. Nimble, community-centred and community-led AIDS responses have proved to be resilient to the disruptions of COVID. But these disruptions have taken a toll. Results are slipping.

*** People still became infected, especially key populations and adolescent girls and young women.**

*** People still died from AIDS-related illnesses.**

*** People living with and affected by HIV still faced discrimination and violations of their human rights.**

Forty years since the first AIDS cases were reported, HIV still threatens the world. Today, the world is off track from delivering on the shared commitment to end AIDS by 2030 not because of lack of knowledge or tools to beat AIDS, but because of structural inequalities that obstruct proven solutions to HIV prevention and treatment.

Economic, social, cultural and legal inequalities must be ended as a matter of urgency if we are to end AIDS by 2030.

In 2015, all countries pledged to reduce inequalities within and between countries as part of the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).** The Global AIDS Strategy 2021-2026: End Inequalities, End AIDS and the Political Declaration on AIDS adopted at the 2021 United Nations High-Level Meeting on AIDS have ending inequalities at their core.

Every minute that passes, we are losing a precious life to AIDS. We don't have time…

Strategies that could be implemented towards our effort to end the pandemic are:

1. Re-commit to end HIV:

Persistent inequalities and the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic require a renewed effort to end HIV as a public health threat by 2030.

2. Tackle HIV and COVID-19 together:

We must confront the special challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic for people living with HIV.

3. Focus on equality:

We must ensure that everyone, everywhere has equal access to HIV prevention, testing, treatment and care, including COVID-19 vaccinations and services.

4. Concentrate on those left behind:

WHO recommends a renewed focus on countries and populations that are still missing out in the global response to HIV and AIDS. These include the diverse groups of people being marginalised in each country, including "key" populations of people who are at high risk.

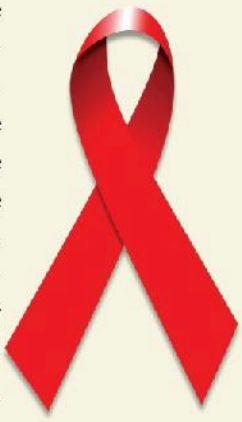
37,700,000	:	Estimated number of people living with HIV in 2020
680,000	:	People died from HIV-related causes in 2020
1,500,000	:	People were newly infected in 2020

73% of adults living with HIV received lifelong Anti-retroviral Therapy (ART) in 2020

[WHO World AIDS Day web page data]

Both HIV & COVID require social and cultural responsibilities to be fulfilled by the communities by expelling the discrimination and inequalities. The citizens have to show Citizens Social Responsibility (CSR).

A story on how these two pandemics have shown no respite...



Rajeshwari, who got to know that she is HIV positive during her pregnancy, delivered identical twins wherein one child turned out to be HIV positive and the other HIV negative. This incident happened during early days of our work in Asha Kirana in 1997-98. Her husband was a Government Officer, a gentleman, who took care of his family for more than 25 years living with HIV. There was not a single reason for Rajeshwari and her kids to worry about HIV and its complications. Her husband was the only strong support to her family. The COVID first wave, the thunderbolt, hit the family. Her husband was diagnosed to have COVID positive with renal complications and he passed away in just 7 days of COVID infection. It is past 1 year, 4 months and the family still couldn't come to reality that the sole pillar of the family is no more…

Mother and daughter is surviving with HIV… but the non-HIV father is no more…

Message from AIDS Society of India

109 months left to end AIDS by 2030 and deliver on all SDGs

By Dr. Ishwar Gilada,
President,
AIDS Society of India

The 34th World AIDS Day is observed globally on 1st December, 2021, which is a day to take stock of the situation that includes current scenario, mitigation strategies, what has been achieved and what is yet to be achieved and how best to move further. It is no more a day for candle-light vigils in the memory of departed souls due to HIV infections, as was to be observed during the initial several years.

India has made a commendable progress since April 7, 2004 when it began the roll-out of life-saving Anti-retroviral Therapy (ART) for people living with HIV, but formidable challenges remain. India along with other nations worldwide missed meeting the target of zero discrimination by 2020. Zero discrimination milestone now has been shifted to 2030, albeit with a correction, "less than 10% discrimination by 2030."

India has a golden opportunity to end HIV related discrimination by fully implementing the HIV/AIDS (Prevention and Control) Act 2017. AIDS Society of India (ASI) worked hard to call for the law for ending all forms of HIV related stigma and discrimination.

Now ASI is calling for ensuring that all social security measures which are part of our legal framework must be guaranteed to every person living with HIV so that progress towards HIV care and support be fully galvanised, to prevent the Act being termed as a 'toothless Act.'

Even four years after the HIV / AIDS Act 2017 is in place, there are no appointments of State Ombudsman, which is a mandatory provision in the Act. We are yet to see a single prosecution under the provisions of this Act and it no way connotes that violations have not happened. In fact there is an urgent need to create awareness about existence of the Acts and its provisions.

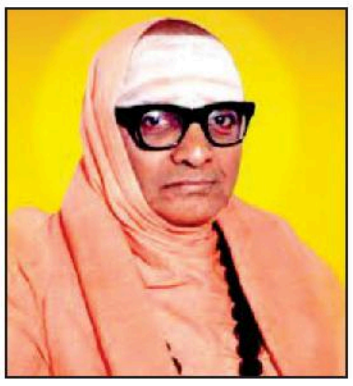
PLHIV are denied mediclaim policies and they still mention HIV in exclusion criteria. Life Insurances have still provision to not allow PLHIV to take policies for insured sum more than Rs. 10 lakh. Despite ASI approaching the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) and it agreeing to the issues raised by ASI, there is no headway.

Despite the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act 2019, the transgender community continue to face denial and rejection in areas such as employment, health and public services.

Without bold action against inequalities, India as well as other countries in the world risks missing the targets to end AIDS by 2030.

This World AIDS Day, ASI resolves to spearhead the movement to address the stigma and discrimination against PLHIVs and getting the HIV/AIDS Act 2017 implemented in true sense.

JSS Sangeetha Sabha's Annual Music Festival from Dec. 2 to 6



Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji

In memory of
Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji

Mysuru, the Cultural Capital of Karnataka, is a fertile bed for fine arts, especially Karnatak Music. The patronage of the Wadiyar dynasty led to the evolution of a distinctive Mysore style across many art forms such as architecture, painting and music. As centuries passed, the Royal furtherance of support towards music waned away. However, many organisations and Music Sabhas are now the torch-bearers for the cause of music.

JSS Sangeetha Sabha is among the prestigious institutions which strives for promoting classical music.

Under the patronage of Jagadguru Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji of Suttur Mutt, the Sabha aims at featuring top artistes and talented youngsters. In addition to conducting monthly concerts, the Sabha conducts a grand music conference in memory of Dr. Sri Shivarathri Rajendra Mahaswamiji, the Founder of the Sabha, every year in the month of December.

This year, owing to the pandemic situation, in place of the Conference, a Music Festival is being held from Dec. 2 to 6 in the evenings at Navajyothi Auditorium of JSS Women's College, Swimming Pool Road, Saraswathipuram.

There will be two concerts each day, one from 6 pm to 7 pm, by upcoming young artistes and another by established musicians.

The festival will be inaugurated tomorrow at 6 pm by Mysore University Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji.

The inauguration will be followed by a vocal recital by **Dr. R.K. Padmanabha,** accompanied by **Vid. J.K. Sridhar** on violin, **Vid. Cheluvaraj** on mridanga and **Vid. V.S. Ramesh** on morching.

On Dec. 3, a violin duet by **Vidu. Divyashri** and **Ratna Teja** is scheduled at 6 pm. They will be accompanied by **Vid. Yashwant Hampiholi** on mridanga and **Vid. S. Manjunath** on ghata.

At 7 pm, **Vid. Rudrapatnam S. Ramakanth** is set to perform a vocal concert. The accompanists are: **Vidu. Charulatha Ramanujam** on violin, **Vid. Arjun Kumar** on mridanga and **Vid. C.P. Vyasa Vittala** on kanjira.

Sri Suttur Seer

Prof.Hemantha Kumar

Vid. M.Nagaraj

Rtn. Lakshminarayan

Vid. Sharma

On Dec. 4 at 6 pm, **Vid. Bangalore Nishanth** will perform a vocal concert accompanied by **Vid. Keshava Mohankumar** on violin and **Vid. Yashwant Hampiholi** on mridanga.

At 7 pm, **Vidu. Nirmala Rajashekar** will present a veena recital. She will be accompanied by **Vid. Muruga Bhoopati** on mridaga and **Vid. Vazhappally Krishnakumar** on ghata.

On Dec. 5 at 5.30 pm, a vocal concert will be performed by **Vid. Aneesh Bhat** accompanied by **Vid. Sumanth Manjunath** on violin and **Vid. Puttur Nikshith** on mridanga.

At 7 pm, a vocal recital by **Vidu. Kalavathy Avadhoot** along with **Vidu. Adithi Krishnaprakash** on violin, **Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar** on mridanga and **Vid. Vazhappally Krishnakumar** on ghata.

The valedictory will be held on Dec. 6 at 6 pm. It will be presided by Vid. Mysore Nagaraj in the presence of Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji. The chief guests are: PDG Rtn. M. Lakshminarayan of Jayachamarajendra Art Gallery and Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma, President, Karnataka Sangeetha Nritya Academy.

Dr. R.K. Padmanabha

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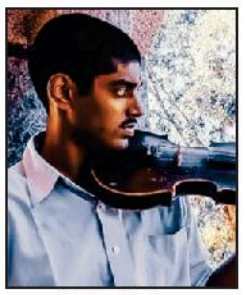

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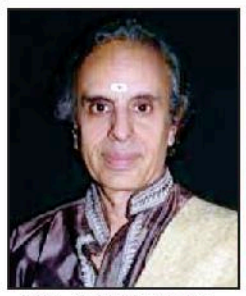

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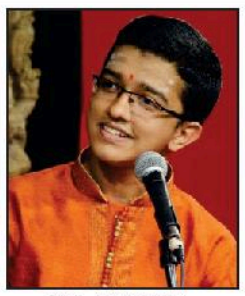

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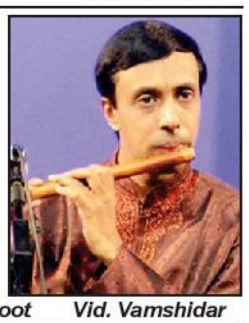


Vid. Vamshidar

This will be followed by a flute recital by **Vid. Vamshidar** accompanied by **Vid. Mattur Srinidhi** on violin, **Vid. Anoor Anantha Krishna Sharma** on mridanga and **Vid. G.S. Ramanujam** on ghata.

The music festival is sponsored by Sri Shankar Narayan Planjery, Planjery Foundation, Hyderabad.

Hindustani sitar by Ustad Rais Bale Khan in city on Dec. 3

Mysuru, Dec. 1 (OSR)- Music has always proved to be an easy escape from the chaos of life. It also serves as a nourishment for both mind and soul.

One such musical escape is brought by Kalasuruchi in the form of Hindustani sitar recital along with explanation by Ustad Rais Bale Khan on Dec. 3 at 7 pm in Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar. He will be accompanied on harmonium by **Pt. Vighnesh Bhagavat** and on tabla by **Pt. Bheemashankar Bidanur.**

Artiste's Mysuru connection

There is a unique connection which perhaps is not known to many, between the cultural city of Mysuru and the sounds of sitar. During 1900, an invitation went from the king of Mysore, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar to Ustad Rahimat Khan of Indore to perform in the annual Dasara festival.

Rahimat Khan Saheb enthralled the King and people of Mysore with his unique sounds of sitar and rendition of raga. A patron of arts and music, the king requests Rahimat Khan to reside in Mysuru and grace as a durbar musician. Khan sahib politely refuses the invitation to reside but goes back to Indore with a promise of visiting Mysore annually.

During this bonding that lasts over a decade between Indore and Mysore, Rahimat Khan discovers and develops cultural affinity to Dharwad that was growing as a citadel of Hindustani music for South India. Rahimat Khan decides to reside in Dharwad and his musical contributions culminate in the establishment of 'Bharateeya Sangeeta Vidyalaya' in 1932.

Ustad Rais Bale Khan

With this legacy and background, Ustad Rais Bale Khan, who is the great grandson of Ustad Rahimat Khan and son of Ustad Bale Khan, will be performing in 'Suruchi Rangamane' on Dec. 3 bringing the same sounds and melody that echoed hundred years ago in the durbar of Krishnaraja Wadiyar.

Born in 1974, Rais Khan got his music training under his father Ustad Bale Khan along with inspiration and encouragement from his grandfather Ustad Abdul Karim Khan. After attaining gold medal in Master's in Instrumental Music from Karnatak University, Rais has made the city of Pune in Maharashtra as his residence, performing music in India and abroad as well as teaching and managing his own 'Saptak School of Music'.

Kirana Gharana

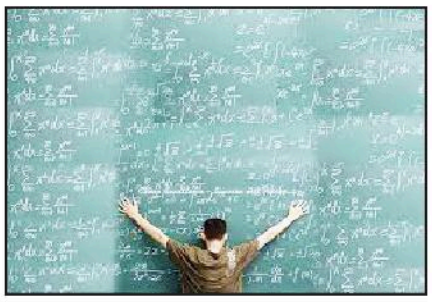
Having adopted Kirana Gharana, the music of Rahimat Khan and his subsequent generations has acquired a unique sound and style and hence is also known as Dharwad Gharana. Rais Khan's sitar rendition begins with soothing alaap, gradually delineating the essence of raga. The variations and modulations in his music bring out what is known as 'Rahimatkhani Baath'.

Rais Bale Khan is an accredited artiste of All India Radio and Doordarshan, both in sitar and Hindustani vocal. His versatility in singing khayal, thumri, ghazal, kannada vachanas, daasara padas, nirgun bhajans and Marathi abhangs has won appreciation by music lovers.

Rais Khan has been awarded Guru Gangadhar Pradhan Memorial Award (Bhubaneswar) in 2011 and 'Sur Mani' from Sur Singer Samsad, Mumbai. An engrossing musical dialogue - Sitar jugalbandi of Rais and his younger brother, Hafiz have won wide acclaim in India and abroad including countries like USA, UK, Kuwait, Iran and Singapore.

WORD OF THE DAY

Obfuscate



Pronunciation: AHB-fuh-skayt.
Meaning: Obfuscate means "to make difficult to understand" or "to be evasive, unclear, or confusing."
Origin: Obfuscate comes from the Latin prefix ob- (meaning "over" or "completely") and fuscus ("dark-coloured"). That fact gives an idea as to how the word can refer to making something difficult to see or understand—much like how dark, dirty water makes it hard to see the bottom.
Example: "Intelligence officials operate in an increasingly difficult environment, in which bad actors are deploying sophisticated technology to obfuscate their activities...." — Will Hurd

THE ODD WORD

Obumbrate

To overshadow.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Wouldn't be caught dead

Meaning: The phrase 'wouldn't be caught dead' is used to say that you really don't like something or wouldn't want to be seen in that situation.
Origin: The 'illogic' behind this phrase is part of the appeal. As if dead people really care about likes or dislikes.
Example: "He is very conscious of his public image and wouldn't be caught dead doing anything that might batter his image."

QUOTE BOX

Criticism, like rain, should be gentle enough to nourish a man's growth without destroying his roots. **—Frank A. Clark**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

KNEE
light light

Answer: Neon lights.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Likely or fitting
4 All points addressable, abbr.
7 Hinged metal clasp
11 Rocky height
12 Like some vbs.
13 Pimples
14 Temporary prevalence of a disease
17 ___ -do-well: A good for nothing
18 Conservatory
20 Metal bar
22 Cripple or mutilate or disable
23 The eggs or egg-laden ovary of a fish
24 British scientist ____ Newton
27 Immature
31 Middle
33 Fruity smelling organic compound
34 Small child
35 Eons or epochs
37 Rogue or rascal
39 Bollywood's popular villain alas no more (6,4)
42 Dilip Kumar and Nergis hit of 1948
43 Revenue
46 Pay person in his own ___ : reciprocate someone's bad behaviour?
47 Howard Hughes studio
48 Water in France
49 Single digit
50 Follow the ___ : pursue a nautical career?
51 Mil. award

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

E	T	E			L	U	G		S	I	B	
S	A	N	D		I	A	N		H	O	R	N
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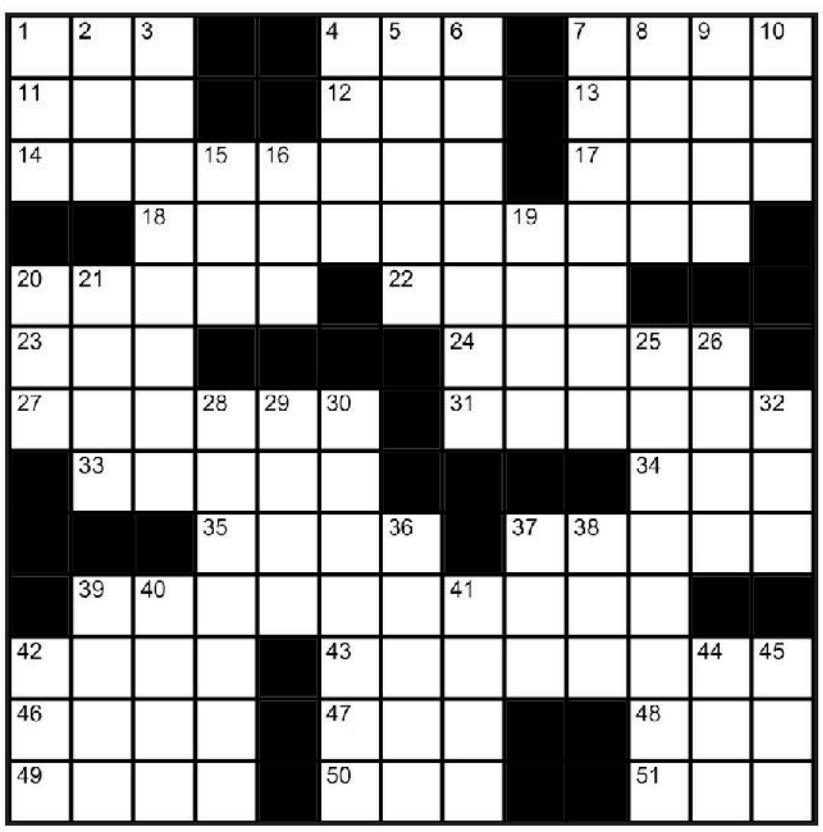
T	H	E	N		P	A	V		A	D	O	S
	A	T	A		S	T	P			R	P	K

DOWN
1 Had a meal
2 Daddy
3 Sets off
4 Goals, objectives or purposes
5 Glass solid which refracts light
6 Antiquated
7 "Ram bhakt ____"
8 Hotshots
9 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?
10 Cent ___ cent : 100%?
15 Dead Letter Off.
16 Consume food
19 French river
20 Inertial Ref. Unit
21 No people, no things
25 Achieved or accomplished
26 Study hard
28 Repetitive
29 Persian fairy
30 Rubbers used to remove pencil marks
32 Computer capability for short
36 ____ a leg : hurry up or dance (in old English) ?
37 Make hay while the ___ shines?
38 Chronic renal insufficiency, acronym
39 Vast age
40 Roman 1052
41 South Pacific boat
42 Modular Concept Unit
44 Methane or oxygen?
45 The final aggregate



SUDOKU

		9		1		8		
1				6				3
7			8		4			9
		6				4		
8				5				6
		7				2		
3			7		5			8
2				3				4
		1		4		5		

Answer to previous puzzle

4	1	2	7	6	3	5	8	9
6	3	9	2	8	5	7	1	4
5	8	7	9	1	4	2	6	3
2	7	4	5	9	1	8	3	6
9	5	8	6	3	2	4	7	1
1	6	3	8	4	7	9	2	5
3	4	5	1	7	8	6	9	2
8	2	6	3	5	9	1	4	7
7	9	1	4	2	6	3	5	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

KZW ZHGUC TUSW ZUD PYGYKWE DNUSW. YT FQH TYPP YK

IYKZ PUHLZKWO KZWOW IYPP XW CQ OQQG TQO SOFYCL.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: At the end of the day, we can endure much more than we think we can.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

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  Antim The Final Truth (H) - 4 shows
- **Sangam Theatre** **Ph: 2520494**
  Mugil Pete (K) - 4 shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** **Mob: 9900820093**
  Kotigobba-3 (K)- 4 shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** **Ph: 2452958**
  Sakath (K) - 4 shows
- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
  Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)- 4 shows
- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  Nan Hesaru Kishora Yel Pass Yentu (K) & Mugil Pete (K) - 2 shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** **Ph: 2443568**
  Sakath (K) - 4 shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** **Ph: 2422871**
  Bhajarangi 2 (K) - 4 shows
- **Balaji Theatre** **Ph: 2497199**
  Satyameva Jayate-2 (H) - 4 shows
- **Uma Theatre** **Ph: 2520009**
  Ellinda Aarambavo (K) 1 Show; Mallige (K) - 3 shows

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3D Encanto (E)	(S-1)	10.30 am, 12.25 pm, 5.05 pm
Govinda Govinda (K)	(S-1)	2.15 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	(S-1)	7.10 pm
	(S-2)	10.20 am, 9.55 pm (S-3) 1.30 pm
Sakath (K)	(S-2)	1.20 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am, 7.00 pm
Maanaadu (Ta)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Satyameva Jayate-2 (H)	(S-2)	7.05 pm
100 (K)	(S-3)	4.35 pm
Kaaval (Ma)	(S-3)	9.50 pm
Antim The Final Truth (H)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 4.05 pm, 7 pm, 9.55 pm
Amrutha Apartments (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm

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Encanto (3D) (E)	:	12.45 pm
House of GUCCI (E)	:	3.05 pm, 9.25 pm
Antim: The Final Truth (H)	:	9.50 am, 12.05 pm, 3.55 pm, 6.25 pm, 10 pm
Sooryavanshi (H)	:	3.45 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	:	12.10 pm, 6.35 pm
Govinda Govinda (K)	:	9.45 am, 3.35 pm
Maanaadu (Ta)	:	12.45 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Sakath (K)	:	12.50 pm, 4.10 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.35 pm
Sathyameva Jayathe (H)	:	9.45 am, 1.10 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Anubhavanchu (Te)	:	3.55 pm, 10 pm

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Encanto (2D) (E)	:	11.55 am, 5.10 pm, 7.30 pm
100 (K)	:	2.15 pm
Antim: The Final Truth (H)	:	9 am, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	:	3 pm, 9.40 pm
Govinda Govinda (K)	:	12 pm
Maanaadu (Ta)	:	3 pm, 9 pm
Sakath (K)	:	1 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.45 pm
Sathyameva Jayathe (H)	:	9.35 am, 3.45 pm, 6.45 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Sathyameva Jayathe (H)	(S-3)	9.40 am, 3.40 pm, 9.35 pm
Antim: The Final Truth (H)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 3.55 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	12.40 pm
Maanaadu (Ta)	(S-4)	1.05 pm
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	(S-1)	12.50 pm (S-2) 9.45 pm
Sakath (K)	(S-2)	10.05 pm, 1.05 pm, 6.40 pm
Encanto (En)	(S-4)	10.45 pm, 7.05 pm
Govinda Govinda (K)	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Amruth Apartments (K)	(S-3)	6.40 pm
Sooryavanshi (H)	(S-4)	9.25 pm
100 (K)	(S-2)	4.05 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

100 (K)	(S-1)	10.30 am
Garuda Gamana Vrishabha Vahana (K)	(S-1)	1 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	3.55 pm
Sathyameva Jayathe (H)	(S-1)	4.00 pm
	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Sakath (K)	(S-1)	6.45 pm
	(S-2)	10.20 am, 1.05 pm
Maanaadu (Ta)	(S-2)	3.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am
Anthim (H)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 4 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Mugil Pete (K)	(S-4)	1.20 pm
Kaaval (Ma)	(S-4)	6.45 pm, 9.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

Winners in Inter-Collegiate
Mysuru Zone TT Championship

The students of GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, have secured 1st place in the 'Inter-Collegiate Mysuru Zone Table Tennis Championship 2021-22' held on Nov. 24 at NIE, Mysuru. Seen are** (from left) **B.P. Hima (MBA, 3rd Sem), B.N. Harishgowda, Physical Education Director, GSSSIETW, Mysuru, chief guest H.N. Shankarnarayan, retired PE Director, NIE, Mysuru, Dr. M.V. Archana, in-Charge Principal & HoD of EEE Department, NIE-IT, Mysuru, Ayushi Sharma (TE, 7th sem), Stanzin Choskit (TE, 7th sem) and Shrunga (ECE, 7th sem). Nearly seven teams from various colleges of Mysuru — NIE, GSSSIETW, NIE-IT, ATME, VVCE, MIT and VTUPG Regional Centre — participated in the Tournament and the final match was held between GSSSIETW Mysuru and VVCE, Mysuru.

Excel in athletics

The following students of Hari Vidyalaya Composite PU College have excelled in the Taluk-level Athletics Competition organised by the Pre-University Department on Nov. 27 at Oval Grounds in city and have been selected for District-level Competition** — (from left) **S. Prajwal (II PUC) - Gold Medal in Long-Jump; G. Disha (I PUC) - Gold in 800 mts Race and 1,500 mts Race [She has also won Individual Championship] and R. Chethan (II PUC) - Bronze in 100 mts Race and 200 mts Race.

Medal winner in MMA

Medal winner S. Prajwal** (left) **is seen with GAMMAI Referee and Judge Andrew Canday.

Mysuru, Dec. 1- S. Prajwal, a Karateka from Mysuru, who took part in Club Wars Mixed Martial Arts Championship 2021 (Karnataka Edition) held at ARC Sports Zone, Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru, on Nov. 13, organised by Roar Championships, sanctioned by GAMMAI (Global Association for Mixed Martial Arts India), has won a Bronze Medal.

Prajwal got a first round bye and lost in his second round against Samarth of Kodagu by Split Decision and won his bronze medal bout against Anu Tomi Tamut from Arunachal Pradesh via Submission. Mixed Martial Arts is a combat sport fought inside a cage in which contestants are permitted to use the fighting techniques of Wrestling, Boxing, Kickboxing, Judo, Karate and other Martial Arts.

EVENTS TODAY (Dec. 1)

- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2021, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 2)

- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) and Tourism Department:** Exhibition-2021, Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **3.30 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Department of Kannada and Culture:** 'Karthika Masa,' 'Sugama Sangeetha-Dasavani' programme by Kittur Rani Chennamma Awardee Dr. V. Malini and troupe, Sri Prasanna Venkateshwara Swamy Temple, Krishna Vilasa Road, Devraja Mohalla, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashram:** Dhanvantri Jayanti celebrations, abhisheka, **8 am,** Dhanvantri homa, **8.30 am,** Dhanvantri Rathotsava and Deepotsava, Sri Datta Venkateshwara Temple, Nanjangud-Ooty Road, **5.30 pm.**

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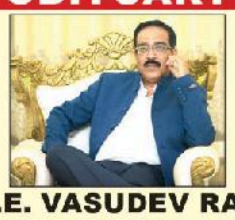

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